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MEMORANDUM FOR AMBASSADOR COLLINS

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1. Two men accompanying the Gao Dai Pope are under the control of Sabini, 2me Bureau, French Army. They are: Ngo Khai Minh and Pham Trung Hieu. Your invitation to the Pope the other day caught him by surprise; he wanted to check the French first before seeing you.

2. [redacted] told me that the sects know Quat, feel that he is actually a colonial bureaucrat, talks much, does little. The sects would not cut off rice to Saigon if Quat were appointed, but certainly would oppose the appointment.

3. All sect leaders will attend ceremonies at Tay-ninh on 26 or 27 December, when General Phuong gets another star.

4. [redacted]

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